

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed, and a preliminary amendment has been filed to cancel all claims and add new claims 1-55. The specification has also been amended to clarify the discussion of the aspect ratio. In this regard, the applicants have added no new matter, but have relied on matter already included in the specification and/or drawings. In particular, in respect to the relative sizes of the inter diameter of the conductive member and the burner heat outlet head, support therefor is provided in Figure 3 and on pages 9 and 10, paragraph [0043]. Support for the conductive member being a single piece is provided on page 8, paragraph [0038] and on page 25, paragraph [0095]. In respect to the aspect ratio of the conductive member, support is found on page 26, paragraph [0096]. The method of calculation, which has now been added in the specification, is well known in the art and should not be considered to be new matter. The nesting feature which is now recited in claims 46 and after, is supported by Figure 4 and paragraph [0044] on page 20.

Favorable action is requested.

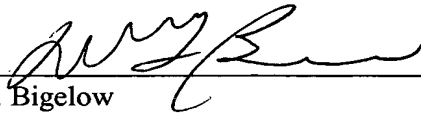
If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below.

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